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***“Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1, 21)***

Dearest Sisters,

The words of Job rings true in the life of Sr. Angelina who was always grateful to God for the joys and sorrows she experienced. She believed that *‘Life on earth is a temporary gift from God, with a mission to complete. Therefore we are called to live a life which pleases the Almighty, and, make it beautiful for His greater glory’*.

Our dear Sr. Angelina led a life of obedience by making use of all the opportunities she received through God’s blessings. Hale and hearty she lived a life of 84 years and dedicated 63 years of it in the service of God and mankind.

Even though she was sick she continued to be a cheerful person. Since many years she was suffering from diabetes mellitus. On March 22, 2016 she had a fall and underwent surgery due to hip fracture. After she returned from the Hospital she was able to move with the help of a walker. She was able to join the community activities. On the morning of 4th April 2016, she participated in the Holy Eucharist, had breakfast, spoke to the Chaplin and Sisters, as well as the inmates. Till then no sign of her ill-health was manifested. At about 9.30 a.m. she felt uneasy and almost collapsed. Around 10.30 a.m. owing to a massive heart attack she passed away quietly. Sr. Angelina, a wonderful person left us to enter the house of the Lord on the day of the feast of the Annunciation. She said good bye to this earth to be one with Mother Mary.

Sr. Angelina (STELLA) D’Souza hailed from Mulki, Mangalore. She was the second child of Rosario and Anna Rose D’Souza, born on 7th July 1931. She belonged to a large pious and zealous family of nine children and three of them answered the call instantly. Two of them dedicated their life to our Congregation - Sr. Angelina and Sr. Gonzaga and another one to the Bethany Sisters. Sr. Angelina entered the Novitiate on 29th June 1953 and was given the religious habit on 1st January 1954. She made her First Profession on 1st January 1956 and her Final Profession on 3rd January 1962.

A hard working, prayerful and self-sacrificing Sister she was always and sensitive to the needs of others, faithful to her Religious Life seeking God and His Holy Will in everything. She manifested God’s goodness to all those who encountered her. She loved the little ones and taught them affectionately inculcating in them Christian values all through her teaching career.

Her vast mission took her to the communities of Moradabad U.P 1956-1969, Raichur, 1969- 1975 as Boarding Mistress, Hutti 1975-85, Mithapur 1985-1994, Jawalgera 1994-97 as Animator of the Community, Secunderabad 1997-98, Bangalore 1998-2009 as teacher and finally, owing to her illness she was transferred to the Home for the aged at Angelore, Mangalore from 2009 – 2016.

She knew how to get along with others, trusting in God's promises and looking forward to their fulfilment. The experience learned from life in the Community and in the apostolate, encouraged her to go ahead in a spirit of humility, to stoop down to the other and enjoy the fruit of her labours. She was really an agent of compassion and her prayer was to imitate Jesus and His love for everyone.

Some of the inmates shared their experience being with Sr. Angelina, '*Sister was a very loving and thoughtful person; she always sat with us lending a listening ear and advising us when necessary. She was a kind hearted person; and she used to inspire us with her talk and hard work. Most of the time she was found in the chapel praying before the Blessed Sacrament. She was a holy Sister of St. Ann.*'

Even though her health was deteriorating over the years, she seemed to be under the shadow of the crucified Jesus, carrying her cross with patience. Though she was not too well she never missed the activities of the Community. Since she had received freely the gift of faith and forgiveness from the Lord and His friendship, she shared the joy of discovering the mercy of God with others. She was ever ready to forgive and forget and that is why she was loved by all and sundry.

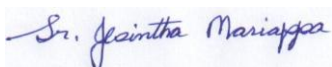
Dear Sister Angelina, followed in the footsteps of the Saints, she was so close to the Lord, that she did not hesitate to spread the good news to whomsoever the Lord chose to place on her path. The more she thought of her Merciful Saviour, the more she found herself feeling peaceful to take up all the challenges inherent in the life of a religious.

The funeral mass was held on April 5, 2016. Sisters from the neighbouring and distant communities, sisters from Northern Province, Sr. Angelina's family members, friends, inmates and well-wishers were present to pay homage to Sr. Angelina. We are grateful to Fr. Joe Tauro OCD and the con-celebrants who offered the Holy Eucharist. On behalf of the Annite family I extend heartfelt condolences to all the family members. I am grateful to Sr. Celine D'Souza and the Community sisters for their diligent service and care given to Sr. Angelina till the end.

'Sr. Angelina, please keep us in your prayers as you are one with the Lord pray for us that we may grow in the love of Christ and serve humanity. Farewell Sr. Angelina you will always remain amidst us as an *angel*'.

Sr. Angelina is no more but she still remains in the hearts of those who loved and cherished her in life. Let us remember to keep her in our prayers that she may attain heavenly bliss in the abode of peace and light.

With love and affection,



Provincial Superior